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Museum of Appalachia to Host Three Sheep Shearing Days This Spring

NORRIS, Tenn. – The Museum of Appalachia will welcome the warmth and renewal of spring by trimming the winter's heavy growth of wool from their flock of sheep. Visitors are invited to join the museum, a Smithsonian affiliate, in celebration of this beloved pioneer tradition on April 26, May 3, and May 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sheep Shearing Days will include demonstrations of shearing, herding, carding, spinning, and weaving the fleece into woven goods, plus many real-life examples of some of the many finished products derived from the freshly shorn wool. Family-friendly activities will also include live Appalachian music and historic demonstrations of quilting, soap making, rug hooking, pottery, beekeeping, blacksmithing, and much more.

Admission includes a tour of the Museum, which contains some three-dozen historic log structures, exhibit halls filled with thousands of Appalachian artifacts, working gardens, and farm animals.

Tickets are available for purchase at <u>museumofappalachia.org</u>. Admission rates for this event are \$10 for both adults and children. The event is free for Museum members.

School groups, homeschool organizations and groups of 20 or more must reserve their spot by e-mailing <u>bookings@museumofappalachia.org</u> or calling 865-498-8271.

The museum is located 16 miles north of Knoxville, one mile east of I-75, at exit 122.

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